

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25, 33 and 41 as follows.

1-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer code for performing a method when run on a computer, the method comprising:

transmitting from a first terminal to a conference server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;
receiving by the first terminal from the server a second message comprising a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has been allocated by the server; and

transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal a third message comprising the network address,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by either direct communication or communication via the conference server.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, further comprising initiating a connection from the first terminal to the network address to establish a conference call between the first terminal and the said other terminal.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 26, wherein the transmitting the third message further comprises transmitting from the first terminal to at least two other terminals the third message comprising the network address, and wherein the initiating further comprises initiating a connection from the first terminal to the network address to establish the conference call between the first terminal and the said other terminals.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein the first, second and third messages are session initiation protocol messages.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein in the transmitting from a first terminal to the server, the first message is an INVITE message.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein in the receiving from the server, the second message is a redirection message.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein in the transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal, the third message is a REFER message.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein in the receiving by the first terminal, the network address is a uniform resource identifier.

33. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

transmitting from a first terminal to a conference server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

receiving by the first terminal from the server a second message comprising a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has been allocated by the server; and

transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal a third message comprising the network address,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by either direct communication or communication via the conference server.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, further comprising initiating a connection from the first terminal to the network address to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said other terminal.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 34 wherein the transmitting the third message further comprises transmitting from the first terminal to at least two other terminals the third message comprising the network address, and wherein the initiating further comprises initiating a connection from the first terminal to the network address to establish the conference call between the first terminal and the said other terminals.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein the first, second and third messages are session initiation protocol messages.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the transmitting from a first terminal to the server, the first message is an INVITE message.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the receiving from the server, the second message is a redirection message.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein in the transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal, the third message is a REFER message.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the receiving by the first terminal, the network address is a uniform resource identifier.

41. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit to a conference server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call; and

a receiver configured to receive from the conference server a second message comprising a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has been allocated by the server, and

wherein the transmitter is further configured to transmit to at least one terminal a third message comprising the network address,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by either direct communication or communication via the conference server.

42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising an initiating unit configured to initiate a connection to the network address to establish a conference call between the apparatus and said terminal.

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 42 wherein the transmitter is configured to transmit the third message to at least two terminals, and

wherein the initiating unit is configured to initiate a connection from the apparatus to the network address to establish the conference call between the apparatus and the terminals.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the transmitter is configured to transmit the first and third messages as SIP messages.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the transmitter is configured to transmit the first message as an INVITE message.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein in the receiver is configured to receive, from the server, the second message as a redirection message.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein in the transmitter is configured to transmit, to at least one terminal, the third message as a REFER message.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein in the receiver is configured to receive the network address as a uniform resource identifier.

49. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer code for performing a method when run on a computer, the method comprising:

receiving from a first terminal a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

allocating a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call; and

transmitting to the first terminal a second message comprising the network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,

wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

50. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 49, wherein the first and second messages are session initiation protocol messages.

51. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 49, wherein the first message is an INVITE message.

52. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 49, wherein the second message is a redirection message.

53. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

receiving from a first terminal a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

allocating a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call; and

transmitting to the first terminal a second message comprising the network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,

wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

54. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the first and second messages are session initiation protocol messages.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the first message is an INVITE message.

56. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the second message is a redirection message.

57. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:
a receiver configured to receive from a first terminal a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

an allocation unit configured to allocate a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call; and

a transmitter configured to transmit to the first terminal a second message comprising the network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,

wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

58. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the messages are session initiation protocol messages.

59. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the first message is an INVITE message.

60. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the second message is a redirection message.